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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES¹

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month

period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

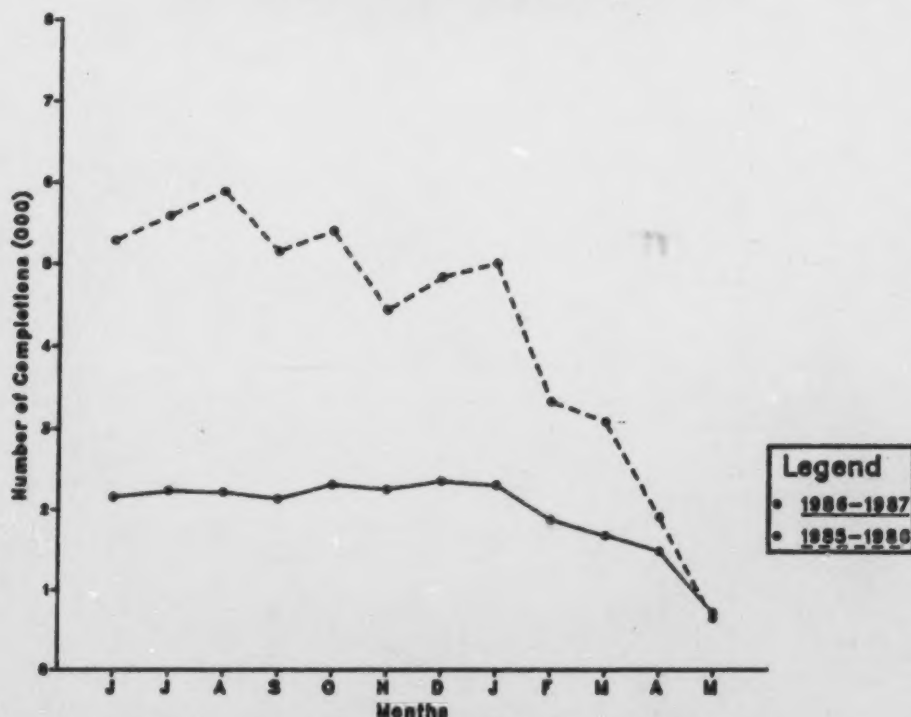


TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 29, 1987

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1987	3,716	16,378,342	1,381	8,574,454	2,926	15,247,744	8,023	40,200,540	8,120	40,520,540
1987: MAY	294	1,222,128	59	352,236	360	1,922,273	713	3,496,637	716	3,510,365
APR	669	3,000,639	217	1,432,943	589	2,934,784	1,475	7,368,366	1,483	7,389,457
MAR	758	3,504,507	324	1,933,174	588	3,184,087	1,670	8,621,768	1,693	8,697,648
FEB	910	4,009,889	356	2,235,452	600	2,999,673	1,866	9,245,014	1,895	9,359,103
JAN	1,085	4,641,179	425	2,620,649	789	4,206,927	2,299	11,468,755	2,333	11,563,967
TOTAL 1986	17,100	70,447,039	6,823	38,103,500	11,408	57,203,444	35,331	165,753,983	35,938	167,842,548
1986: DEC	1,016	4,264,876	462	2,727,506	873	4,480,260	2,351	11,472,642	2,408	11,645,663
NOV	1,021	3,893,351	428	2,506,737	799	3,972,270	2,248	10,372,358	2,280	10,491,091
OCT	1,021	3,912,069	511	2,797,226	777	3,829,347	2,309	10,538,642	2,355	10,692,339
SEP	926	3,689,214	483	2,534,898	724	3,643,022	2,133	9,867,134	2,157	9,951,790
AUG	878	3,730,132	499	2,557,466	837	3,805,271	2,214	10,092,869	2,254	10,217,504
JUL	916	4,024,926	524	2,612,248	792	3,873,598	2,232	10,510,772	2,281	10,667,731
JUN	928	3,916,169	478	2,599,277	749	3,565,161	2,155	10,080,607	2,187	10,196,250
MAY	1,083	4,888,874	468	2,681,853	834	4,275,402	2,385	11,846,129	2,456	12,124,211
APR	1,635	7,297,529	612	3,722,061	965	4,809,058	3,212	15,828,648	3,270	16,040,448
MAR	2,234	9,437,066	691	4,104,939	1,242	6,160,862	4,167	19,702,867	4,219	19,862,744
FEB	2,265	9,614,330	680	4,016,208	1,130	6,191,355	4,075	19,821,893	4,138	20,063,398
JAN	3,177	11,778,503	987	5,243,081	1,686	8,597,838	5,850	25,619,422	5,933	25,889,379
TOTAL 1985	35,313	139,257,877	12,462	68,980,244	20,600	101,426,485	68,375	309,664,606	70,013	314,769,743
1985: DEC	2,748	11,116,679	897	5,074,087	1,760	9,008,263	5,405	25,199,029	5,497	25,526,303
NOV	2,527	10,027,887	868	4,982,289	1,510	7,452,057	4,905	22,462,233	4,980	22,744,481
OCT	2,939	11,556,907	1,185	6,070,399	1,728	8,333,848	5,852	25,961,154	5,948	26,285,348
SEP	2,783	10,565,720	1,062	5,533,866	1,683	8,177,380	5,528	24,276,966	5,626	24,537,556
AUG	3,266	12,355,215	1,099	5,931,258	1,886	8,830,221	6,251	27,116,694	6,348	27,392,838
JUL	3,057	11,245,202	1,078	5,896,717	1,790	8,336,660	5,925	25,478,579	6,085	25,930,209
JUN	2,934	11,208,416	1,012	5,423,997	1,637	7,648,060	5,583	24,280,473	5,728	24,736,224
MAY	2,836	11,594,315	904	5,069,508	1,642	8,156,520	5,382	24,820,343	5,578	25,418,378
APR	2,933	11,735,977	990	5,770,350	1,709	8,453,260	5,632	25,959,587	5,785	26,383,808
MAR	3,211	13,031,859	1,090	6,263,189	1,800	8,883,083	6,101	28,178,131	6,309	28,732,290
FEB	2,801	11,611,688	1,083	6,185,560	1,505	7,861,535	5,389	25,658,783	5,526	26,111,365
JAN	3,278	13,208,012	1,194	6,779,024	1,950	10,285,598	6,422	30,272,634	6,603	30,970,943
TOTAL 1984	43,651	166,223,016	14,666	80,591,377	24,955	118,016,628	83,272	364,831,021	85,476	370,588,128
TOTAL 1983	38,179	140,685,775	12,697	69,799,110	23,636	103,270,381	74,512	313,755,266	76,541	318,521,375

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TABLE 11: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 29, 1987¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1987	224	1,410,496	175	1,186,064	1,442	7,870,030	1,841	10,466,590
1987: MAY	12	66,481	5	35,312	177	938,367	194	1,040,160
APR	39	251,235	23	121,576	275	1,410,450	337	1,783,261
MAR	44	316,191	40	256,902	298	1,663,561	382	2,236,654
FEB	49	312,933	44	310,387	283	1,472,983	376	2,096,303
JAN	80	463,656	63	461,887	409	2,384,669	552	3,310,212
TOTAL 1986	946	5,758,574	698	4,804,005	5,093	28,846,892	6,737	39,409,471
1986: DEC	71	464,576	43	305,867	451	2,488,988	565	3,259,431
NOV	54	302,040	52	348,462	396	2,080,225	502	2,730,727
OCT	46	281,243	40	292,792	356	1,933,639	442	2,507,674
SEP	40	184,975	58	332,552	306	1,698,007	404	2,215,534
AUG	47	252,794	57	344,527	364	1,909,669	468	2,506,990
JUL	71	398,225	56	329,930	347	1,826,881	474	2,555,036
JUN	52	296,397	46	294,603	304	1,707,129	402	2,298,129
MAY	72	420,331	39	339,255	394	2,305,842	505	3,065,428
APR	92	648,701	63	516,288	427	2,448,013	582	3,613,002
MAR	111	751,183	64	528,666	536	3,097,788	711	4,377,637
FEB	112	717,793	74	534,784	486	3,110,427	672	4,363,004
JAN	178	1,040,316	106	636,279	726	4,240,284	1,010	5,916,879
TOTAL 1985	1,763	10,246,959	1,267	8,587,051	9,004	49,295,840	12,034	68,129,850
1985: DEC	146	862,482	86	600,865	832	4,700,469	1,064	6,163,816
NOV	106	622,119	89	676,036	680	3,708,464	875	5,006,619
OCT	145	808,572	86	519,008	776	4,073,263	1,007	5,400,843
SEP	121	650,701	78	536,339	741	3,979,450	940	5,166,490
AUG	172	1,012,349	99	664,614	818	4,216,759	1,089	5,893,722
JUL	141	799,909	95	605,360	756	3,918,106	992	5,323,375
JUN	126	669,272	116	828,999	693	3,451,741	935	4,950,012
MAY	155	910,417	124	786,712	682	3,826,137	961	5,523,266
APR	130	722,474	115	793,516	721	4,044,462	966	5,560,452
MAR	182	1,099,125	111	720,714	740	4,159,560	1,033	5,979,399
FEB	164	1,026,618	121	845,608	692	4,107,836	977	5,980,062
JAN	175	1,062,921	147	1,009,280	873	5,109,593	1,195	7,181,794
TOTAL 1984	2,321	12,580,302	1,568	9,884,455	11,095	58,507,985	14,984	80,972,742
TOTAL 1983	2,141	10,663,600	1,622	10,130,525	10,079	48,402,294	13,842	69,196,419

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING MAY 1987

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1987	1,066	4,641,579	441	2,662,756	828	4,109,156	2,335	11,413,491	2,352	11,462,728
1987: MAY	294	1,222,128	59	352,236	360	1,922,273	713	3,496,637	716	3,510,365
APR	488	2,198,241	173	1,200,059	317	1,545,597	978	4,943,897	985	4,962,482
MAR	147	639,365	123	670,247	82	375,635	352	1,685,247	357	1,699,556
FEB	73	325,101	58	300,350	34	97,164	165	722,615	167	725,230
JAN	64	256,744	28	139,864	35	168,487	127	565,095	127	565,095
TOTAL 1986	146	602,847	210	910,235	139	488,729	495	2,001,811	517	2,086,430
1986: DEC	29	152,257	44	247,264	21	95,080	94	494,601	94	494,601
NOV	20	88,248	39	203,783	23	67,984	82	360,015	82	360,015
OCT	22	70,182	42	154,468	17	57,208	81	281,858	81	281,958
SEP	18	44,623	30	125,116	10	32,200	58	201,939	58	201,939
AUG	10	28,551	16	47,222	15	32,927	41	108,700	43	109,189
JUL	7	27,997	13	57,949	10	30,230	30	116,176	30	116,176
JUN	6	41,976	5	14,280	5	28,862	16	85,118	16	85,118
MAY	9	59,434	6	11,469	9	46,370	24	117,273	39	192,220
APR	4	31,899	6	22,222	5	18,727	15	72,848	16	74,098
MAR	4	15,581	1	2,650	8	44,049	13	62,280	14	65,707
FEB	5	15,265	2	2,279	5	18,280	12	35,824	13	37,599
JAN	12	26,834	6	21,533	11	16,812	29	65,179	31	67,910
TOTAL 1985	67	125,191	22	86,508	36	91,339	125	303,038	148	348,778
1985: DEC	10	28,643	6	31,946	6	26,045	22	86,634	29	105,858
NOV	3	1,265	1	2,800	0	0	4	4,065	6	13,669
OCT	8	14,343	2	7,020	2	3,997	12	25,360	16	26,040
SEP	3	3,128	3	11,205	2	3,391	8	17,724	15	25,377
AUG	2	13,271	0	0	6	9,366	8	22,637	9	28,392
JUL	10	7,675	2	908	4	4,749	16	13,332	17	14,732
JUN	4	11,123	2	808	3	7,666	9	19,697	9	19,697
MAY	7	11,935	2	15,007	1	1,258	10	28,200	10	28,200
APR	7	5,354	3	16,220	7	4,680	17	26,234	18	27,658
MAR	2	8,285	0	0	3	21,186	5	29,471	5	29,471
FEB	4	6,633	0	0	2	9,021	6	15,654	6	15,654
JAN	7	13,536	1	494	0	0	8	14,030	8	14,030
TOTAL 1984	28	123,444	6	19,861	21	58,687	55	202,192	57	205,357
YRS PRIOR TO 1984	12	41,859	4	27,890	26	74,979	42	144,728	42	144,728
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	1,319	5,534,920	683	3,707,250	1,050	4,823,090	3,052	14,065,260	3,116	14,248,021

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of May 29, 1987. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.
2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.
3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.
2. See footnote (2) above.
3. See footnote (3) above.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period April 25, 1987 through May 29, 1987. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.